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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
 MATTHEW THOMAS HEISEY *et al.* :
 Serial No. 09/759,965 : Group Art Unit 1623
 Filed January 12, 2001 : Examiner: L.E. Crane
 For: LOW CARBOHYDRATE COMPOSITIONS, KITS THEREOF, AND METHODS OF USE

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER UNDER 37 CFR § 1.321

Dear Sir:

Petitioner, The Procter & Gamble Company, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified application. Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 to §156 and §173, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of any patent or patents issuing from co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/760,280, 09/586,520, 09/586,284, and 09/586,514, assigned to The Procter & Gamble Company, filed January 12, 2001, June 2, 2000, June 2, 2000, and June 2, 2000 respectively. The evidentiary documents for the assignments have been reviewed, and petitioner certifies that to the best of petitioner's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee to take this action. Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and any patent or patents issuing from U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/760,280, 09/586,520, 09/586,284, and 09/586,514, are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the above-identified application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 154 to § 156 and § 173 of any patent or patents issuing from U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/760,280, 09/586,520, 09/586,284, and 09/586,514, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that it later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR § 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner

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terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 16-2480 for the fee required under 37 CFR § 1.20 (d) for submission of this Terminal Disclaimer. A duplicate copy of this correspondence is enclosed to facilitate charging of the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBJECT: DECISION ON TERMINAL DISCLAIMERS INFORMAL FORM

DATE: 10-9-02

APPL. S.N.: 091259,965

TO EXAMINER: L. Crane

ART UNIT: 1623

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AFTER FINAL YES ☒ NO ☐ NUMBER OF T.D(S). FILED 1

INSTRUCTIONS: I have reviewed the submitted T.D. with the results as set forth below. If you agree, please use the appropriate form paragraphs identified by this informal memo in your next office action to notify applicant about the T.D. If you disagree with my analysis or have questions at all about the acceptability of the T.D., please see me or our Special Program Examiner. THIS MEMO IS AN INFORMAL, INTERNAL MEMO ONLY. IT MUST NOT BE MAILED TO APPLICANT, NOR SHOULD A COPY BE LEFT IN FILE.

☒ The T.D. is PROPER and has been recorded. (See 14.23).

☐ The T.D. is NOT PROPER and has not been accepted for the reason(s) checked below. (See 14.24).

☐ The recording fee of \$_____ has not been submitted nor is there any pre authorization in the application file to charge to a deposit account. (See 14.26.07)

☐ Application Examiner has not processed T.D. fee. (See fee authorization).

☐ The T.D. does not satisfy Rule 321(b)(3) in that the person who has signed the T.D. has not stated his/her interest (and/or the extent of the interest of the business entity represented by the signature) in the application/patent. (See 14.26 and 14.26.01).

☐ The T.D. lacks the enforceable only during the common ownership clause needed to overcome a double patenting rejection, Rule 321(c). (See 14.27, 14.27.01).

☐ It is directed to a particular claims(s), which is not acceptable since "the disclaimer must be of a terminal portion of the term of the entire patent to be granted". MPEP 1490. (See 14.26, 14.26.02).

☐ The person who signed the terminal disclaimer:

☐ has failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business entity, (See 14.28).

☐ is not recognized as an officer of the assignee, (See 14.29 and possibly 14.29.01).

☐ No documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original inventor(s) to assignee has been submitted, nor is the reel and frame specified as to where such evidence is recorded in the office. 37 CFR 3.73(b). (See 1140 O.G. 72). **NOTE:** This documentary evidence or the specifying of the reel and frame may be found in the T.D. or in a separate paper submitted by applicant. (See 14.30).

☐ No "statement" specifying that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed and that, to the best of the assignee's knowledge and belief the title is in the assignee seeking to take action. 37 CFR 3.73(b). (See 1140 O.G. 72) (See 14.31).

☐ The T.D. is not signed. (See 14.26, 14.26.3). or 14.26.03 if TD is not signed by all the owners.

☐ Attorney not of record in oath/decl. or a separate paper filed appointing a new or associate attorney. (See 14.29.01).

☐ The serial number of the application (or the number of the patent) which forms the basis for the double patenting is missing or incorrect. (See 14.32).

☐ The serial number of this application (or the number of the patent in reexam or reissue case(s) being disclaimed is missing or incorrect. (See 14.26, 14.26.04 or 14.26.05).

☐ The period disclaimed is incorrect or not specified. (See 14.27, 14.27.2 or 14.27.3)(For Samples 14.27.04 and 14.27.05)

☐ Other: _____

☐ Suggestion to request refund of \$_____. (See 14.35, 14.36).

☐ **EXAMINER NOTE: IF APPLICATION IS IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMALTIES MAY BE FAXED IN TO THE GROUP**

FOR SAMPLE TERMINAL DISCLAIMERS AND CERTIFICATES:

☐ Sample f a TD over a pending application and assignee Certificate (See 14.37).

☐ Sample f a TD over a prior patent and assignee Certificate (See 14.38).

☐ Sample Assignee Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73 (b) (See 14.39)